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Demand Better for the Canberra's Inner South & Fyshwick!

5960 Narrabundah residents, six childcare centres and schools, 1000 new proposed residences in the Molonglo Group Dairy Flat Road development and 1000's of businesses in Fyshwick will be impacted if the processing of Canberra's household waste moves from the ACT Government facility at Mugga Lane to Ipswich Street in Fyshwick. The Canberra Progressives, with a commitment to genuine community engagement, are horrified that the Government is not listening to residents and businesses across the Inner South and Fyshwick.

"We've been speaking with residents and are aware of the significant concerns being raised" said Peta Swarbrick, Narrabundah resident and candidate for the Canberra Progressives. "Air and noise pollution, plus increased truck traffic in a very diverse and unique area, creates unwanted high fire risk, possible environmental breaches and more. Any new or future planning proposals in the area should not harm existing businesses and residents in the area."

"This is our backyard and we must engage the community BEFORE decisions like this are made – before it's too late." added Peta Swarbrick Narrabundah resident and candidate for the Canberra Progressives.

The Canberra Progressives will demand better planning, better consultation and better environmental protections for our communities. We are angry that residents and businesses directly affected have been completely ignored and the waste of time, and effort that the government has put into refuting the evidence that shows this is not an appropriate development for the site; it isn't safe, and it isn't something that the community wants.

"Proposing to shift the processing of Canberra's household waste – all 300,000 tonnes of it – from the ACT Government facility at Mugga Lane (nowhere near 1000s of businesses, schools, residences or childcare centres) to Ipswich Street in Fyshwick to save a few dollars seems CRAZY!" said Tim Böhm, Fyshwick business owner and candidate for the Canberra Progressives.

Canberra Progressives want the multiple calls to address the planning, zoning and environmental issues surrounding the approval of this project to be listened to, we want the evidence to be acknowledged and we want the decision to be made that residents and business owners, our constituents, come first.

If elected, the Canberra Progressives candidates for Kurrajong will seek to enact legislation to provide members of the community with a real say in major government initiatives and decisions. Specifically on the waste processing issue, we propose:

- A moratorium on any further Heavy Industrial development in Fyshwick
- Installing an air pollution monitor
- Commissioning a Masterplan for the area including proposed residential sites
- Seeking to rezone Fyshwick to reflect its current nature as a growing commercial, not an industrial, hub.

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